

Maricopa County Community Services Commission
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central, 3rd Floor Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Monday, March 27, 2006
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Members Present:

Chair Councilman Steven Frate, City of Glendale	Marty Sonnenberg, Salt River Project
Councilman Fred Hull, Town of Gila Bend	Terri Cruz, Chicanos por la Causa
Councilwoman Kathie Farr, City of Tolleson	Louise Moskowitz, APS
*Councilwoman Margarita Garcia, Town of Guadalupe	Amy Smith, Eastside Representative
Mary Coalson, Salvation Army	
Jerry Castro, St. Vincent de Paul	* Arrived after Roll Call

Members Absent:

Robert Morehouse, Senior Citizens Council Maricopa County	Requested Excused Absence
Councilman Frank Scott, City of Avondale	Requested Excused Absence
Councilman Hut Hutson, City of Tempe	Did not request excused absence
Councilman Don Skousen, Town of Gilbert	Did not request excused absence
Mary Beth Lawler, Valley of the Sun United Way	Did not request excused absence
Sarah Bravo-Palma, Eastside Low-income Representative	Did not request excused absence
Barbara Webster, Southwest Low-Income Rep.	Did not request excused absence
Cindy Feuchster, Eastside Low-Income Rep.	Did not request excused absence

Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:

Staff:

Margarita Leyvas, Community Services Division
Virginia Sturgill, Community Services Division
Frances Delgado, Community Services Division

Guests:

Racel Aleman, Chandler CAP
Mary Hutchinson, Tempe CAP
Dolores Hull
Leonard Coalson
Lauro Garcia

Presenter: James "Ritch" Stevens

- 1. Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by Chairman, Councilman Steven Frate.
- 2. Roll Call** Virginia Sturgill called roll. Nine of eighteen seated members were present; a quorum was not established. The meeting continued.
6:50 P.M. Councilwoman Garcia arrived after roll call. A quorum was established.
- 3. Excused Absence(s)** The following members were absent and asked to be excused: Robert Morehouse and Councilman Scott. Councilwoman Farr made a motion to excuse the absences; Councilman Hull seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
Marge announced that Robert Morehouse had asked to be excused from the February 27th meeting, he had left a message but it was not received

until after the meeting. Councilwoman Farr made a motion to excuse Robert Morehouse absence at the February 27th meeting; Councilman Hull seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

4. **Opening Prayer** Mary Coalson led the prayer.
5. **Pledge of Allegiance** Jerry Castro led the Pledge of Allegiance. Before proceeding,
6. **Approval of Minutes** Jerry Castro asked for a correction of the minutes. **Board Remarks**
 - Jerry Castro reported that many families are coming to the ~~Homeless Campus~~. Jerry stated that the campus is set up for individuals not families. He requested families not be referred to the ~~homeless campus~~.The statement should have read:
 - Jerry Castro reported that many families are coming to the **Human Services Campus**. Jerry stated that the campus is set up for individuals not families. He requested families not be referred to the **Human Services Campus**.Councilman Hull made a motion to accept the minutes **as amended** of the February 27, 2006 meeting. The motion was seconded by Terri Cruz. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.
7. **Presentation Medicare Part D** James "Ritch" Stevens, AARP Arizona President provided a presentation on Medicare Part D. James stated that Seniors that are on Medicare are already signed up for Medicare Part D and some do not know it. Medicare Part D is voluntarily and can cost up to \$65 monthly. There are up to 44 different plans under Stand Alone or Managed Care. Low-income individuals monthly premiums are on a sliding fee scale or no premiums and no deductibles, small or no co-pay. James suggested that individuals that need to select a plan should list all their medications, the strength and where they purchase their medications. Area Agency on Aging, Social Security 1-800-633-4227 and www.medicare.gov are resources to help individuals chose a plan. Once and individual has picked a plan they are locked in until Open Enrollment in November to December. James stated that individuals that learn that their selected plan does not cover their medications should not dis-enroll from that plan until they have found anther one that does. Individuals that do not sign up for Medicare Part D when they turn 65 will have to pay a penalty on their monthly premiums for the rest of their lives. James provided information on avoiding becoming a victim of fraud: Do not pay anyone to help you enroll in Medicare Part D, sign up is free; Do not give out your birthday, Social Security number or account number to anyone that calls you: if you call a health plan for information, they can not enroll you in their plan during that phone call. You do not have to enroll in Medicare Part D. If there is any case of fraud this should be reported to the Attorney General or to 1-800-Medicare. Information was distributed for additional information log on to www.AARP.org
8. **NCAF Legislative Conference** Marge, Councilman Hull, Councilman Frate and Councilwoman Farr reported on their trip to Washington DC for the Nation Community Action Foundation (NCAF) Annual Conference.

All attended the Pre-Conference – *How Congress Works*, reported very interesting workshop.

Made several visits with the Arizona Congressional Representatives, Met with Congressman Trent Franks, Congressman Raúl M. Grijalva and Congressman J.D. Hayworth also met with Senator McCain's staff. Councilwoman Farr stated that she felt meeting with the representatives and educating them on the issues of poverty, made an impact.

9. Nomination and Election of a Vice-Chair

Marty Sonnenberg nominated Louise Moskowitz to serve as Vice Chair until the Annual Meeting in September 2006. Terri Cruz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

10. Ratification of Nominee to serve as Commission Member

The following individual's name was submitted by the Glendale Advisory Board to serve as representative on the commission:

Low-Income Representative, Westside – Rebecca Ontiveros

Councilman Hull made a motion to accept Rebecca Ontiveros as the Westside Low-Income Representative. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Farr. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

11. Assistant Director's Report

Marge reported:

Regarding the NCAF Conference

- The CSBG budget is still not final
- LIHEAP funds for Fiscal year 07 do not have administrative dollars.

Other information

- ACAA Annual conference is May 10-12. Conference information was distributed. Commission members were encouraged to attend the conference.
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency visited Arizona to conduct financial audits of the Emergency Food Shelter Program (EFSP). MCHSD records were reviewed, we received a compliment that our "records looked the best".
- Had another records review by the Auditor General from the Governor's Office. They reviewed client files that had received assistance through 2 fund sources: Utility Repair Replace Deposit URRD and Neighbors Helping Neighbors NHN, because these are the funds that are affected by Proposition 200. We received a compliment that they "wished that all records looked as good".
- The Operations Supervisor position has been filled, Eileen Hartnett will begin April 10th.
- Marge attended the Community Services of Arizona, Inc. Grand Opening they moved into their new building in Chandler.
- The APS Weatherization increase is expected to be addressed by The Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) on April 4th or April 5th. CAA staff and ACAA will provide information to the ACC.
- Discussion continues with HUD to develop a partnership to weatherize HUD owned homes.
- Marge will provide information at a statewide HUD Housing forum. She and FSAL Weatherization staff will be part of a panel that will provide information on the weatherization program.
- Marge met with an ASU student that is working on his Master's degree he is interested in *Green* Construction/Design. He has been

weatherizing homes with private funds. APS and MCHSD will partner with him to locate homes in low-income neighborhoods.

- Marge, Annette Stein and Trish Georgoff will continue visiting the CAP offices.
- Marge suggested that the next Commission meeting be a Board Orientation for commission members and alternates.
- Marge distributed a copy of a newspaper article featuring Councilman Steven Frate being named Maricopa County Community Services Commission Chairman.
- The CAP offices were provided an opportunity to apply for one time Mini Grants. CSBG Carryover funds will be used for these Mini Grants. The following CAP offices will receive the Mini Grants: Avondale, Chandler, Gilbert, Glendale and Peoria. Mini Grants that included Capitol purchases or structures were not approved because those were not allowable cost under CSBG. A total of \$69,429 will be distributed in Mini Grants.
- Marge reported that each CAP was offered the opportunity to purchase computers/laptops or printers for the fiscal year. Each CAP was required to provide information on the items they would be purchasing. Because of the Maricopa County TFP policy, computers and laptops would be leased not purchased. In order to insure the CSBG Carryover is spent, a total of \$8,370 will be distributed for the requested equipment. Funds will be included in the fiscal year 07 budget for the CAPs that requested the equipment.

12. Board Remarks

- Councilman Hull reported that Senate Bill 1046 will be addressed before the AZ Senate. SB1046 Appropriates funds for elderly services. Councilman Hull asked everyone to contact their State Representative and tell them to vote yes on this bill.
- Councilwoman Farr reported that Tolleson had opened their Adult Day Care. Councilwoman Farr reported that the building is a "Green Building"

13. Call to the Public

- None

14. Adjournment

Councilman Hull made a motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Marty Sonnenberg. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.